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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI

Project title and number:	Resettlement of the Population of Sélingué (MLI/77/006)
Executing Agency:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Government co-operating agency:	Autorité de l'Aménagement de Sélingué
Date of approval:	December 1978
Starting date for project operations:	December 1978
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$ 37 490 (in kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$1 031 200[1/]
Source of UNDP financing:	Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries

I. Background

1. In order to assure the electricity supply to Bamako, the capital of Mali, the Sélingué dam is being built on the Sankarani river. The flooding of about 42,000 hectares of land after the construction of the dam will necessitate moving approximately 11,000 farmers and settling them elsewhere. Being aware of the socio-economic problems involved in the movement of such a large community, the Malian Government is anxious to have the resettlement carried out as smoothly as possible. Necessary budgetary provisions have, therefore, been envisaged in the Country Programme of Mali for the period 1977-1981 to provide assistance to this project.

1/ This amount includes approximately $US507,000 being third-party cost sharing contributed by the Belgian Government.

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II. The project

2. The objective of the project is to prepare a plan for the transfer and the relocation of the affected population into adjacent areas and under the best possible conditions, having due regard to the social, agricultural, human and health factors.

3. The main part of the project will be subcontracted to a firm specialized in this kind of studies. A part of the activities of the project, i.e. topography studies, sociology studies, will be entrusted by the firm to local expertise, under the firm's general supervision.

4. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

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International staff	103 500
Subcontract	912 700
Equipment	10 000
Miscellaneous	5 000
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